



# LISMORE COMMUNITY TRUST

Purpose: to maximize the potential social, economic and environmental wellbeing  
of the whole community of the Isle of Lismore

Minutes of the meeting of the Directors of Lismore Community Trust,  
held at 7.00 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Committee Room of Lismore Public Hall

## 1. Present / Apologies / Declaration of Interest

Present: Sebastian Tombs (ST) Teenie Wilson (TW), Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF), Anna Stewart (AS) Archie McGillivray (AMG) and Kiki MacColl (KK)

Apologies: None

## 2. Minutes of Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017: These were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: AS; Seconded: TW

## 3. Matters Arising:

a. Argyll & Bute Local Development Plan: ST wrote to the Community Council about this. Argyll & Bute Council has issued a Main Issues Report. This is not really within the Trust's remit but the Trust would like to note that there are two sites mentioned as having potential for future development which are not currently in the development plan. One belongs to Fell estates, beside the fire station. The other site is south of the Meddes' house. Another point is that the plan proposes removing Port Ramsay's current protected status as regards future planning applications. There are opportunities for taking the Island Plan conclusions to the Community Council with a view to perhaps influencing the A&B local development plan.

b. CCF Sewing Machines: at the AGM the Hall expressed an interest in borrowing these. They are currently at KK's house, but will be moved to the School House when this is in operation. Anyone wishing to borrow one should contact KK.

## 4. Finance

Bank 15,742.18

Cash 398.65

Paypal 10.58

Total 16,1512.41

The Total is split

General Fund 3,491.41

Reserved 12,660.00

The Playpark Awards for All application was successful (approx. £9000). The joint project between the Trust and the Parent Council has resulted in approx. £22 000 being raised for the Play Park to date. Funding applications for the junior photography club have also been successful.

Accounts and Annual return have been submitted to OSCR and Companies House.

TW reminded the Directors that access to the account spreadsheets and bank statements are available via the cloud and if anyone (Directors or Members) had any queries she was happy to go through the accounts in detail with them.

### Membership

There was nothing to report on Membership, except that it would be good to encourage more people to join. It would also be useful if members who have email access could give the Trust permission to contact them in this way, rather than printed copies of everything being sent out to everyone, which can be expensive and time consuming.

The Trust is more than happy to supply paper copies of documents to those who do not have email access.

## 5. Ongoing Projects

- a. Kiosks: work is progressing on the kiosks. Most of the work will be completed by local people, as far as possible. TW raised the point that it should be ascertained that the phones have been disconnected and removed. ST will look into this. Iris Piers has asked if there will be space for her to continue selling cakes. This will not be possible during the time that work is being done on the kiosks, unfortunately. The prospect of continuing to have Iris's cakes on sale will be reassessed after work is completed on the kiosks and there is a clearer idea of the space available.
- b. Island Plan: following the AGM a copy of the island plan, housing report, energy groups report and chairman's report was sent out to all members. There is also a hard copy available in the shop. Consultations will hopefully take place in February/ March. There was discussion on ways to involve different sections of the community in the consultation process.
- c. School House: all of the information has been collated for the change of use planning application, so this will be submitted as soon as possible. Various funding applications have been submitted, some of which have been successful, some have not and others are still pending.
- d. Play Park: funds of approximately £22, 000 have been raised by the Trust and the Parent Council for this project. Gill Law has been of huge help in assisting both groups in their fundraising efforts. There is a planning meeting with Gill on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, when the way forward will be discussed.

- e. Business Enterprise Units: Approximately £25, 000 has been allocated by HIE for feasibility studies. The Board is awaiting draft professional briefs for exploring sites and their potential across the four islands. ST, TW and AMG met with Paul Nicoll of Fell Estates. He mentioned the steadings at Clachan as being a possibility for workshop use. ST and TW met informally with Stephen Green as the tenant of the house at Clachan, to advise him of the situation. ST and TW also met with Dougie and Mary MacDougall regarding the land they had suggested could be available. There was further discussion on other potential sites on the island. ST will contact various people regarding land.
- f. Island Leaflets/ Booklets: a meeting of this group will be held in the next couple of weeks.
- g. Junior Photography Club: the photography club approached the trust for assistance in setting this up, having received requests from local children to become involved with photography.
- h. Energy Group: AMG reported on the topics discussed and the Board agreed to seek minutes of this. The remit of Working Groups, acting on behalf of the Trust, was once again reiterated.

Actions: ST

- i. LIP: TW has resigned from LIP, so another Director Representative is needed for the Trust on LIP. KK volunteered to take this on, on a trial basis. There is a social enterprise workshop on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Rockfield Centre and a workshop on Augmented Reality on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, also at Rockfield. The Housing Needs assessment report has been circulated and will be summarised by Gill Law. There is a demand for housing on Lismore, although it is relatively small.

## 6. AGM

- a. Church Repairs: Mr Hay raised a question at the AGM asking if the Trust would become involved with the Church repairs. The directors felt that they could not take action without the Church approaching them first, but they would be happy to provide any assistance possible should the Church require this. TW will write to the church about this.
- b. Swap Shop: This will be kept on the project list for the future.

7. Website: there was discussion on how information will now be updated on the website and how this will affect the Trust. ST will contact the website group.

8. Correspondence: None

9. AOCB: None

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting: there will be a meeting with Gill on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to plan the island plan consultation and a further meeting with Gill on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. There will be a full meeting of the Board on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Hall.